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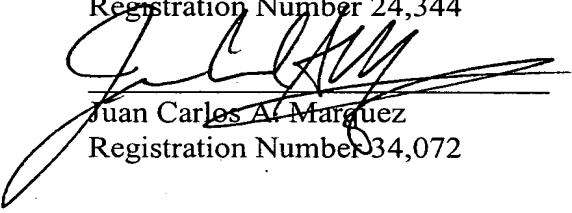
Sir:

This is in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated May 22, 2002, of the Initial Patent Examination Division of the Patent and Trademark Office, the period for response to which is set to expire on July 22, 2002. Submitted herewith is a verified translation of the specification for the above-captioned application.

No fee is required. Please direct any inquiries in connection with this application to the undersigned.

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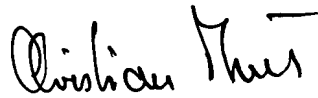
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do hereby declare that I am well acquainted with the English and German languages, and I hereby certify that the attached translation is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a true and correct translation of the abstract, specification and claims of the above-identified international application, as originally filed, into the English language.

Bochum, June 6, 2002

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christian Thiel', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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